Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Sub-division (g). May I know whether a portion of this amount is utilised for purchasing pipes? Whether the pipes have been laid?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Is there any near prospects of these pipes being laid?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The pipes will be laid on receipt of final orders on the Committee's report from the Government.

Petition from Mr. T. T. Ittyerah.

200. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a petition, dated 15th Karkadagam 1105 from Mr. T. T. Ittyerah and others, and if so ;

(b) whether any land for opening the road referred to in the petition has been acquired by the Government, and if so when was it ;

(c) whether the request contained in the petition has been sanctioned and if not ;

(d) what action has been taken with reference to the above petition ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a), (b), (c) and (d). It is not possible to answer the question for want of sufficient particulars to identify the petition referred to.

Chengalore school and Mapranam school.

201. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of classes and teachers in the Chengalore school when Krishna Naickar was transferred from there to M. S. Mapranam ;

the number of classes and teachers in M. S. Mapranam when Krishna Naickar was transferred there ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Nine classes and 5 teachers.

Nine classes and 11 teachers.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the Chengalore school there were 9 classes and only five teachers. There was no sufficient number of teachers. In the Mapranam school there were 9 classes and 11 teachers. May I know why, when the Chengalore school has not sufficient number of teachers, a teacher from there was transferred to the Mapranam school, where they had more teachers ?.

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The transfer was effected at the special request embodied in a mass petition from the Naickan community of Mapranam who constitutes the major part of the parents of school going children there. The request was for a

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transfer of a teacher belonging to their community, so that, by this, a large number of children may be attracted to the school. The request was granted, soon after the re-opening of the schools after the holidays when work has been started. When the department received the consolidated report from the inspecting officers they were not aware of the exact requirements of the school. As soon as they were known, by means of these reports, the excess teachers, for whom there was no necessity, were retransferred, retaining the Naickan who was specially wanted there. The inequality, therefore, was soon redressed as soon as the Government was informed of the requirements of this school.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the transfer made without knowing that there were no teachers in the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The transfer was made not in the absence of knowledge with regard to the number of teachers on the staff, but the specific requirements for the future of each school and class were not known, and there was also no work to be done, and it was the practice to make the necessary postings just before the school started work. So when reports were received from the inspecting officers there was not much difficulty felt.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was there any petition to transfer some of the teachers from Mapranam to Chengalore when this Krishna Naickar was transferred to Mapranam?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I don't think that question arises. In any case transfers will have to be effected afterwards. The question whether a man from the school of 9 classes and 11 teachers should be transferred to a school of 9 classes and 5 teachers does not arise. In any case transfers will be effected on receipt of consolidated reports from the inspecting officers. It was only a question of a couple of days.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was the transfer made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Two weeks after the re-opening of schools.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How was the work conducted in the absence of these teachers of the school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The classes do not settle down and start work immediately after the re-opening of the schools.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the number of Naickan teachers in the Mapranam school?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—At that time, as far as records are available, there was no one there and that was why he was transferred.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any one at present?

President—I do not think that arises from the previous question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know when the retransfer was made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It was made soon after the receipt of the consolidated report embodying the requirements of the schools.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many days after the re-opening was the re-transfer made?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—I want notice regarding the exact date.

Potteries.

202. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to state what articles have been manufactured in the year 1106 in Chalakkudi Pottery works during thelast two and a-half months?

(a) the quantities of the different kinds of articles manufactured;

(b) the cost of the articles thus turned out;

(c) of the articles manufactured and issued out of the Pottery works what quantity have been taken by Government in the various departments and what quantity has been sold to the public at large;

(d) what is the number of glazed pipes turned out from the kilns of the Pottery works;

(e) have they been submitted to any test to ascertain the possibilities of placing such pipes in the market;

(f) what is the cost of manufacturing such pipes to Government;

(g) or what per cent of profit can be made on the pipes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(a)

1.	Drainage pipes	1,600
2.	Ordinary red bricks	15,000
3.	Ink stands	200
4.	Vitrified bricks	500

(b) The total cost of the manufacture of the articles is Rs. 626—10—2.

(c) 500 vitrified bricks have been sold to the Sitaram Spinning & Weaving Mills, Ltd., Trichur and 120 ink stands to the Superintendent of Stamps, etc., Ernakulam.

(d) Pipes were not burned during the said two and a-half months.

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